

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

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P R 141506Z FEB 77  
FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1755  
INFO AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT SY US  
SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

REF: DAMASCUS 0939

1. GEORGE GRUEN, AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, ADVISED  
AMBASSADOR FEB 10 THAT RABBI HECHT OF THE BROOKLYN  
COMMUNITY BELIEVED THERE ON THE ORDER OF 130 YOUNG WOMEN  
STILL IN SYRIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY WHO HAD SOME FAMILY  
RELATIONSHIPS WITH MEMBERS OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY.

2. GRUEN ADVISED THAT RABBI HECHT HIMSELF PLANS VISIT  
TO SYRIA THIS SPRING ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF THE BROOKLYN  
COMMUNITY.

3. GRUEN AGREED FULLY WITH AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT THAT  
IN ATTEMPTING DEVELOP BEST WAY OF HELPING YOUNG WOMEN IN  
SYRIAN COMMUNITY WHO MAY WISH GO ABROAD TO FIND HUSBANDS,  
WE MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THOSE OTHER RELATIVES OF AMERICAN  
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CITIZENS OF SYRIAN JEWISH ORIGIN CONCERNING WHOM THE EMBASSY  
HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO HELP (REFTEL PARA 6).

4. SEPTTEL WILL REPORT ON VISIT TO DAMASCUS BY NATIONAL  
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE MIDDLE  
EAST STUDY MISSION.  
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